

Amendment

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In re application of GERALD BL

Appln. No. 08/452,227

Filed May 26, 1996

Group Art Unit 3308

For JOINT TREATING METHOD

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond, in duplicate (1mo/\$55/DA20-1430).

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☒ Enclosed is a Change of Correspondence Address.

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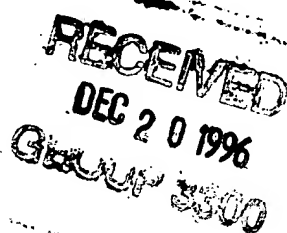
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 26, 1996, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 10, line 21, after "studies had a" please insert "smooth";

Line 28, after "pure" please insert "non-porous".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 21-23 and amend claims 1, 21 and 24 as follows. An appendix including all pending claims is enclosed for convenient reference.

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating a joint
- 2 having first and second mating joint surfaces comprising the
- 3 following steps:
- 4 removing at least a portion of the first joint surface
- 5 so to expose a cancellous bone surface; 340 BA 20-1430 12/18/96 08452227 55.00CH
- 6 selecting a non-porous, totally bioresorbable implant;
- 7 placing the bioresorbable implant between and in
- 8 contact with the first and second joint surfaces so the implant

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